What is claimed is:

- 1. A protein defined in the following (A) or (B):
- (A) a protein which has the amino acid sequence ofSEQ ID NO: 2 in Sequence Listing;
- (B) a protein which has the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 in Sequence Listing including substitution, deletion, insertion, addition or inversion of one or several amino acids, and an activity for binding to sucrose.

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- 2. A DNA which encodes a protein defined in the following (A) or (B):
- (A) a protein which has the amino acid sequence ofSEQ ID NO: 2 in Sequence Listing;
- 15 (B) a protein which has the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 in Sequence Listing including substitution, deletion, insertion, addition or inversion of one or several amino acids, and an activity for binding to sucrose.

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- 3. The DNA according to Claim 2, which is a DNA defined in the following (a) or (b):
- (a) a DNA which contains the nucleotide sequence of the nucleotides 3779 to 5761 of SEQ ID NO: 1 in Sequence Listing;
  - (b) a DNA which is hybridizable with a nucleotide sequence containing the nucleotide sequence of the

nucleotides 3779 to 5761 of SEQ ID NO: 1 in Sequence Listing under stringent conditions, and encodes a protein having an activity for binding to sucrose.